

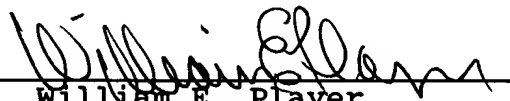
Claims stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, with traverse. Traversal is maintained in that the three groups of claims, independent of being patentably distinct, define a single inventive concept. That concept is obtaining and using purified nucleic acids.

Particularly with respect to Group III, which encompassed cancelled claim 34. Applicant has redrafted claim 34 as the new process claim 39. The process claim covers "enzymatic processes" involving nucleic acids, wherein the improvement is the nucleic acid obtained from the process of Group I (and, incidently by employing the device of Group II).

Favorable action commensurate with the foregoing is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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